

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 - 4 as follows:

1. (Currently amended) An apparatus which is configured to print each time one record carrier is to be printed, and which has holder means for holding a stack of record carriers to be printed, and which has withdrawal means for withdrawing each time one record carrier to be printed from the stack of record carriers is to be printed, said apparatus further comprising:

~~which has~~ load-exerting means which are movable between a load-exerting position and a no-load position and which in their load-exerting position urge the stack held in the holder means, in this area near the withdrawal means, towards the withdrawal means under spring load and in their no-load position assure that a stack of record carriers to be printed can be introduced into the holder means without being influenced by the load-exerting means, ~~and which has~~

actuating means for moving the load-exerting means from their load-exerting position into their no-load position, ~~characterized in that~~

realignment means ~~are~~ arranged near the transitional area between the holder means and the withdrawal means, which realignment means are movable between a rest position and a realignment position, and

~~which wherein~~, when the load-exerting means are moved from their load-exerting position into their no-load position with the aid of the actuating means, said realignment means are movable into their realignment position and thus effect a realignment of record carriers to be printed which have been moved from the stack towards the withdrawal means.

2. (Currently amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the realignment means are movable from their rest position into their realignment position with the aid of the load-exerting means.

3. (Currently amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the realignment means have an actuating portion arranged and configured to be moved with the aid of the load-exerting means.

4. (Currently amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ further comprising additional means by which, ~~have been provided, by which additional means,~~ when the load-exerting means are moved from their load-exerting position into their no-load position with the aid of the actuating means, the withdrawal means for withdrawing each time one record carrier to be printed can be rendered inoperative.